

Dragon Tales

Alconbury Middle/High School

NEWSLETTER

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“Quality Not Quantity”

Quality Through:

Rigor - challenging curriculum and instruction

Relevance - assignments with a purpose

Relationships - mutually respectful interactions

Upcoming Event **Jan 7/8** Basketball @ Hillingdon
 Jan 10 CSI Meeting 1515 hrs AMHS Library
 Jan 13/14 Balfour Representative’s visit to AMHS 1100-1530 hrs
 Jan 13 Basketball v. Essex – Base Gym 1600hrs

From the Principal

We had a good first week back to school and I want to thank everyone for supporting the new wellness policy! Dr. Whitaker, Assistant Principal, has arrived and you are welcome to stop by and introduce yourself. Mid-term exams are January 24-27, see the attached schedule. Remind students to study, rest well, and eat a healthy breakfast before the exams. Any absence during exams will only be excused with a doctor’s note. January 28th is a teacher work day and no school for students.

We’ve been given approval to start a baseball team this spring. We will hold a information meeting later in the month, but for more information contact Duke Eidt, Athletic Director. We have wrestling and basketball games at home this month and look forward to everyone coming out to cheer for the Dragons.

From the Counselor

Attention juniors and parents of juniors:

On Wednesday January 19th at 5:30 we will hold a College Prep Night for all juniors and their parents who were not able to make the session that was held in December. Please let the counselor know if you will be able to meet with us so that she will have enough materials available. This is a very important process and we have a **new information packet that we will give away free to any student who is in attendance.** There is a wealth of helpful forms and information to help your child get organized and start to plan their journey to post High School education. The meeting will last no more than about 30 or 40 minutes.

Thank You from Junior/Senior Class Sponsors

The students and sponsors of the juniors and seniors want to thank you all for your generous donations and support for our auction on December 10, 2010. Thanks to you, we are now approximately \$1400 closer to a great Prom and Graduation 2011. Prom will be on June 4, 2011 at the Huntingdon Marriott and Graduation on June 10, 2011 at Peterborough Cathedral.

Please feel free to contact either of us for more information regarding either event.

Again, thank you! Amy Heimburger, Sponsor, Class of 2011 amy.heimburger@eu.dodea.edu

Janina Klimas, Sponsor, Class of 2012 janina.klimas@eu.dodea.edu

From the AVID Department

Taking Objective Tests

True/False Questions/Statements:

These are the easiest questions to complete because you have a 50% chance of getting the answer correct. But this kind of test question is often tricky.

- a. A SINGLE WORD can make a true sentence false. If you read too quickly you may miss the word that changes the statement.
EXAMPLE: The novel “Hamlet” was written by William Shakespeare. (“Hamlet” is a play. The word “novel” is a false detail, making the whole sentence false.)
- b. Some true/false questions make broad, general statements that may OFTEN be true or seem true, but are not ALWAYS true.
EXAMPLE: Teenagers are always loud. Teenagers are sometimes loud. (Watch out for words like ALL, ONLY, ALWAYS, NEVER, and NONE. They turn general statements into limiting statements, often making them false.)
- c. In true/false questions, if even one exception can be found, the statement is false. On the other hand, words such as OFTEN, USUALLY, RARELY, or SOMETIMES may indicate a true answer.

On true/false tests, a false sentence often looks like a true one. HUNT FOR THE WORD OR DETAIL THAT CAN MAKE A STATEMENT FALSE. WORDS USED in true/false statements are as important as the facts stated. You might know the fact, but it could be written in a tricky way to mislead you. UNLESS YOU READ CAREFULLY, you could answer the question incorrectly because of one little word!

Check out the next issue of the Dragon Tales for *Taking Matching Tests*.

Attachments: Semester Exam Schedule

Lunch Menu:

10 Hamburger on a Bun Grilled Cheese Sandwich Nic Nac Chicken Salad w/Crackers Turkey Panini Veggie Wrap Romaine & Tomato Salad Sweet Kernel Corn Mandarin Oranges Melon Fruit Cups	11 Turkey & Veg Egg Roll Orange Ginger Chicken Bowl Ham Salad w/Crackers Chicken Fillet on WG Bun Asian Chopped Salad Montego Bay Vegetables Green Beans Chilled Peaches Chilled Pineapples Roasted Vegetable Pilaf	12 Philly Cheese Sandwich Cheese Salad Turkey Salad w/Crackers Hotdog on a Bun Mexican Chicken Salad Baked Beans Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cup Applesauce	13 Grilled Chicken Sliders Meatball Sub Sandwich Chef Salad w/Crackers Turkey Wrap Ham Submarine Carrot & Celery w/FF Dip Spinach & Tomato Salad Chilled Pears Juicy Orange Wedges Italian Pasta Salad	14 Breakfast Panini Sausage Patty (V) Diced Chicken Salad w/Crackers Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tuna Wrap French Toast Sticks Cucumber & Tomato Salad Montego Bay Veggie Blend Fruit Cocktail Fresh Sliced Apples Blueberry Waffles
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If you have any questions about our school policies or comments you would like the principal to know, please contact Dr. White using the following email address: AlconburyHS.Principal@eu.dodea.edu or Dr. Ronald McIntire, Isles District Superintendent at DSN226-7234/7252/7224.: or COM 01638-527234/7252/7224.

Semester Exam Schedule 2011:

Monday – Jan. 24

0820-0825 – Announcements
0825-0925 – Review Period 5
0930-1015 - Seminar
1020-1120 – Review Period 6
1120-1200 – LUNCH
1205-1345 – Period 5 Exam
1345-1355 – Break
1400-1500 – Review Period 7

Tuesday

0820-0825 - Announcements
0825-1015 - Period 6 Exam
1015-1025 – Break
1025-1120 – Review for Period 1
1120-1200 – LUNCH
1205-1345 – Period 7 Exam
1345-1355 – Break
1400-1500 – Review for Period 2

Wednesday

0820-0825 - Announcements
0825-1015 - Period 1 Exam
1015-1025 – Break
1025-1120 – Review for Period 3
1120-1200 – LUNCH
1205-1345 – Period 2 Exam
1345-1355 – Break
1400-1500 – Review for Period 4

Thursday

0820-0825 - Announcements
0825-1015 - Period 3 Exam
1015-1025 – Break
1025-1120 – **Seminar /Make-ups**
1120-1200 – LUNCH
1205-1345 – Period 4 Exam
1345-1355 – Break
1400-1500 – **Pep Rally/Make-ups**

FRIDAY, JAN. 28 – TEACHER WORKDAY